

# SOUTHPAWS TO BE BIG FEATURE IN WORLD SERIES

Struggle Between Red Sox and Robins Calls Out Star Moundsmen.

EACH NINE HAS FIVE EFFECTIVE TWIRLERS

Four Southpaws Likely to Figure During Series—Mays May Get Chance.

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Baseball's most clever managers declare that champion teams are no stronger than their pitchers. This is a theory that will bear watching in the current struggle between the Brooklyn Robins and the Boston Red Sox for the baseball championship of the world.

In many respects the meeting of the Robins and Red Sox will be unique. The clubs are diametrically opposed according to every basis of comparison. Brooklyn boasts a hitting array. Boston depends more on defense than upon offense. All of Boston's twirling candidates are past masters in the art. Robinson's team sings its way to victory. It has the hitting power. It has not the speed on the paths.

A comparison of the rival pitching would favor Boston greatly, but only in so far as a season's run of effectiveness is concerned. A world's series championship is far different from a major league pennant fight. Boston has no fewer than five great pitchers. Ruth, Leonard, Shore, Foster and Mays. Brooklyn has no more than three who have proved themselves great—Marquard, Coombs and Pfeffer. But Brooklyn has, in addition, a few youngsters who have always been ready to step to the front in the most serious sort of combat.

Foster May Be Idle.

Leonard and Foster were Carrigan's big guns against the Phillies a year ago. Shore cut in and out in with a vengeance, but it was after the day had been decided. Those on the inside now declare that Foster may not be asked to shoulder the responsibility in one of the approaching world's series encounters. The king of one season back has not been at his best lately.

Ruth is the one best bet of the Boston Americans. Not only has this fellow been a leading pitcher, but he has been a leading hitter as well. Any time he is in the line-up Carrigan carries one extra hitter. Ruth was not allowed to take a ding at the Phillies last year. He was green and inexperienced. He won his spurs in the American League fight. But Carrigan never was treated.

Leonard, Foster and Shore featured Boston's victory over the Phillies of a year ago. But it was a different pitching staff that the Quakers presented to the one the Robins are throwing up to the world's champions. The backbone of the Phillies box department was the pitcher of 1911. Coombs, one of the greatest pitchers of all time—more or less worked out before he started in the classic. Alexander put away with his first game. When he failed in the second he quit, and the team quit with him.

Boston this season is looking up against a couple of pitchers who do not know the meaning of the word "quit." Take Jack Coombs first. He came into great prominence back in 1910, with Connie Mack's Athletics. Coombs, over Philadelphia, won three victories over Chicago that year. Philadelphia won four out of five that time. In 1911 Coombs helped pitch Connie Mack's pennant team to an easy victory in his circuit's championship. He injured himself in the first game he pitched against the Giants in the title fight of 1911.

Coombs never yet has lost a world's series engagement, and he has pitched four of these. He has never lost a game. He is a pennant hunter in the balance. He took the measure of Eddie Schupp, of the Giants, in a game that decided the season's semi-finals. There more may be at stake the better Jack Coombs seems to hit.

Marquard to Hero.

Marquard was the hero of the 1912 world's series between the Giants and Red Sox. The Ruben stopped the Red Sox aggregation in two games. He did not fare so well against the Athletics in 1911 nor again in 1913, but all of his games, save one, were creditable.

Getting down to brass tacks, Carrigan has five pitchers, on every one of which he can depend for a steady game. Two are left-handers, and good ones—Ruth and Leonard. Leonard was the king pin a year ago. Ruth has the call to duty. Ruth is a slugger. He lacks nothing unless it is world's series experience. Carrigan has for right-handers Shore, Mays and Foster. Shore will be seen in this world's series. Foster, a feature in the last classic, has been somewhat off color. He has been a pitcher in the pennant fight. He is an erratic pitcher. Lack of control has been his chief drawback. Mays is one of the few remaining underdog pitchers. No one should trouble Brooklyn over him. He is a great deal up to a real game. There is no underhand pitcher in the National League. At all other styles the Tanager circuit can boast no a few performers of renown.

Outside of Mays the Boston pitchers depend on great deal upon speed. Brooklyn hits his speed. At least it hits the speed that is shown in the National League.

Come now to Robinson's pitching staff. He is likely to call upon no more than five of his hurlers—Marquard, Coombs, Pfeffer, Smith and Cheney. Marquard and Coombs have already established themselves in world's series. Cheney is a grand, game fellow, chasing for a pennant to prove his worth in the classic. Pfeffer and Smith are youngsters, so far as world's series are concerned, but they have already proven themselves of heart and courage for any sort of endeavor.

CHIEF MEYERS LONGED FOR OLD TOMAHAWK

"Is there ever a time, Chief," queried an inquisitive fan, who was talking to big Meyer, "when you feel the call of the wild? A time when you yearn once more to be the primitive man, the savage, the hunter? A time when you long to go to the tomahawk and scalp and go forth upon the warpath of your fathers?"

"There sure is," assented the large Indian, with a grin. "I felt that way every time I thought of the old days, when I was a warrior and some other fellow was going to butt in on the world's series money."

## Red Sox Twirlers Who Will Work to Retain Boston's World's Championship



## THE SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

### Them Brooklyn.

Shades of Kelley and Keeler and Sheppard, Jennings, Kennedy, Dahlen and Jones—Not to drag out an ancient record, Not to rattle long vanished bones; Shades of Casey and Dunn and Farrell, Looming up with the rag again, Hail to the clink in the Ebbets barrel, Brooklyn's back on the map again.

Shades of Anderson and McGuire, Dady, Hughes and the oldtime bunch; Ghosts have risen in ballroom's Tyre, Here comes Nineveh with the pinch; Who was it spoke of the Phoenix ashes Rising up in the gap again? Here they are with the hits and smashes—Brooklyn's back on the map again!

Chant, ye bugs, of the Braves and Giants, Slip the Phillies a ringing cheer; How your praise of the Red Sox science, On with the White Sox chanticleer; Then, torn loose from her ancient thralldom, Here where the ghosts' flags flop again, One wild roar to the gods of ballroom—BROOKLYN'S BACK ON THE MAP AGAIN!

### "You Never Know Your Luck."

Jack Coombs, Larry Cheney, Rube Marquard and Chief Meyers left pennant possibilities to come to Brooklyn. When they arrived Brooklyn hadn't figured as a pennant possibility in fifteen years. You never can tell.

### The Cast-Off Champs.

Back in 1914 George Stallings broke up a league and smashed a world series institution with a cast off array. On that club he had Gowdy and Rudolph, turned adrift and Brooklyn.

But as the cast-off champs, the Braves of 1914 are seven dusty leagues back of Brooklyn. Note the array from the used-to-be-with-other-clubs: Meyers, Marquard, Merkle—New York Giants. Coombs—Philadelphia Americans. Cheney—Chicago Nationals. Olson—Cleveland Americans. Mowrey—Cincinnati Reds.

Here are seven ball players from five other clubs, no longer held as available talent. Coombs, Marquard and Cheney were considered as being all through, so far as first rank was concerned. The same was true of Mowrey and Olson and Meyers. But Brooklyn's position in the National League race is pretty fair evidence of the use Robby made off his cast-off material.

### BIG SOCCER MATCH TO BE POSTPONED

With the resignation of John A. Fernley from the presidency of the United States Football Association having been tendered, to take effect on October 22, it was announced yesterday that it will be impossible to make arrangements to play the proposed international soccer games with the Canadian teams at Providence on October 28 and Newark on October 29.

The next meeting of the U. S. F. A. will be held at Bridgeport on October 22, but it will be granted, but more than one week would be required to select the team and complete arrangements for such an important game.

### BOXING CLUB WILL ENLARGE ITS ARENA

In preparation for an active season of boxing, the Hunts Point Sporting Club is planning to increase the seating capacity of its arena. At present

### Red Sox Pick-Ups.

Most of the Red Sox are Boston bred major leaguers. Ernie Shore once belonged to the Giants. Hobby came from the Reds and Walker came from St. Louis. Barry is an ex-Mackman. But Cady, Carrigan, Thomas, Ruth, Leonard, Mays, Scott, Jauvin, Gardner, Lewis and Hooper all began their careers under a Boston standard.

You can't break members of the old Mackman machine of the world series habit. Barry and Coombs are still hanging around the October spotlight. And by next fall we may have John Franklin Baker or Eddie Collins reentering the Portal.

### The Fuging of Tempus.

How old Doc Chronos hustles by, A T. R. Cobb upon his feet; But yesterday we peeled an eye Upon young April's sporting sheet; But yesterday, in each wild town, We looked upon the opening score, And now the gap has narrowed down To four days more.

Just four days more, maybe five, And we can hit the hay again, Or loaf on through the winter drive Unmindful of the play again; Unmindful of the winning clout, Forgetful of the old box score, Until next spring we rise and shout: "Just four days more!"

Two years ago on this date the Mackmen had just lost one game to the Braves, but they were upon the verge of rising in revenge to grab off four in a row. You may recall what followed.

Boston has never lost a world series. On the other hand, a rabid Brooklyn fan writes in that Boston has never before met Brooklyn. In the words of the immortal R. Goldberg, "We never thought of that."

### A Feature Worth While.

The meeting at match play of thirty-two professionals on Monday at Siwanoy will stand as one of the leading golf features of the year. The pros rarely indulge themselves at match play, preferring the medal game, but through this next week they will have their chance to cast all safety aside and go direct for the pin.

Those who are to meet have been drawn in qualifying rounds from all sections of the golfing landscape. And the winner next Saturday night will have proved his worth, for in a tournament of this sort there is no such turn as having the luck of the draw.

The tournament, played for the Wanamaker Trophy and about \$5,000 in prizes, will be at Siwanoy, a first class test.

### C. C. N. Y. WILL GIVE SOCCER A BOOST

Temporary goal posts were put up in the Lewisohn Stadium of the College of the City of New York last week for soccer practice. Practice games will be played every afternoon, commencing tomorrow, and if enough interest is shown in the sport the athletic association has promised to increase the \$50 allotted to the players in the budget to \$200 and place the team on a varsity basis.

As a nucleus for a college team the City College has many veterans of high schools and players on the freshman team of 1913. Rosters for the recognition of soccer as a varsity activity point to Milton Schatman, Johnny Lehman, former T. H. H. star, Roberts, Mac Crath, R. Cohen, Mullen, Cairns and a quota of freshman talent.

### Plan New Baseball Map.

Ambitious circuit builders, including those in the Western Association and the Central League, should save their arguments for the National Association meeting at New Orleans in November. There is a growing feeling that the minor league body at this meeting will take some action toward readjusting the baseball map, with the idea of grouping cities that should naturally flock together and in the interest of baseball as opposed to the railroads.

## Speaker Leads at Bat; Chase Gains Laurels

Cleveland Star Leads Ty Jake Daubert Gets Second Cobb by Margin of 17 Points.

This Speaker has crowned himself batting champion of the American League. This clever outfielder of the Cleveland Indians headed his aspiring rivals with a total of 210 hits for a percentage of .383 for 151 contests.

Following 17 points behind is Ty Cobb, the Georgia Peach and holder of the title for the last nine consecutive years. In 145 battles Cobb gathered 198 hits and scored 113 runs, which was 11 more than Speaker. Joe Jackson, of the White Sox, holds third place, with a percentage of .314. Twelve players gained the 300 circle.

Among the pitchers Boland, of Detroit, leads with 10 victories and 3 defeats, with Covelenski, Cicotte, Morton, Culp, Ruth, Shore and Faber following in order. Detroit won the club batting honors and also led in long hits by clubs. Speaker drove out the greatest number of extra hits, with Boston proving the best fielding team.

The final averages for the season follow:

Player and Club	G.	A.	R.	H.	R.	R.	H.	A.	P.
Speaker, Detroit	151	548	102	210	113	15	383	151	383
Cobb, Detroit	145	510	113	198	113	14	314	145	314
Joe Jackson, White Sox	135	430	100	135	100	10	250	135	250
Ruth, Cleveland	145	450	100	145	100	10	250	145	250
Shore, Boston	145	450	100	145	100	10	250	145	250
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